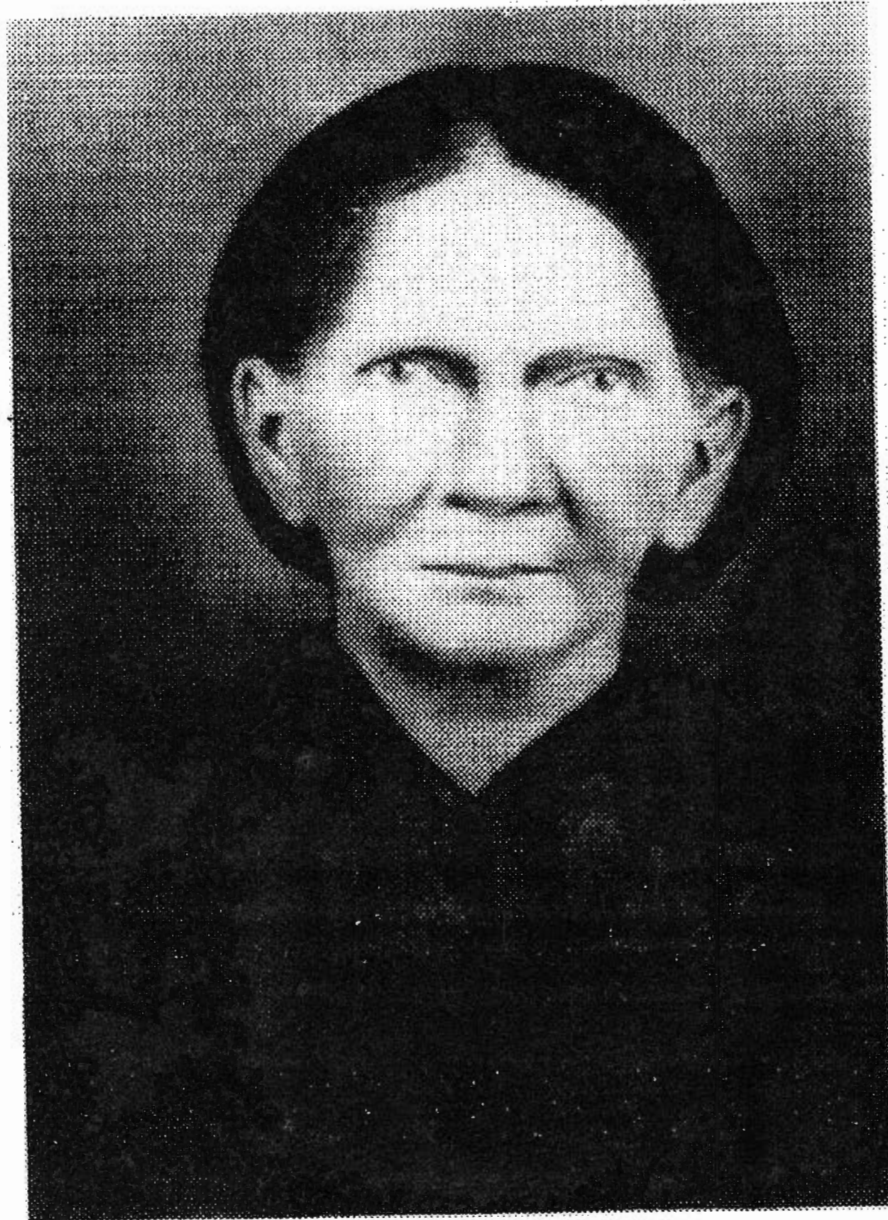


Roots of Plenney Family



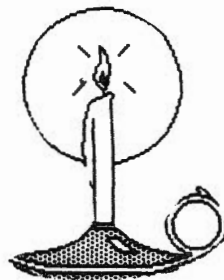
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TO OUR ANCESTORS

The 'Plenney Family Booklet' is dedicated to our ancestors who taught us that love is man's greatest and most valued possession. Through love all things are possible. Our ancestors instilled in us pride, self-esteem, morals, and family values. We thank God for nurturing our ancestors and allowing them to pass along these qualities. May their spirit forever prevail in our lives; as we strive to reach out, touch someone else, and make a difference.



PLENNY FAMILY REUNION
FAMILY BANQUET
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1996
7:00 - Until

Registration
Welcome
Occasion
Prayer & Blessing of Food

Dinner
Entertainment

Buffet
Instrumental Jazz

Family History
Representation of Families

Memorials

Moment of Silence

Prayer

Awards Presentation

Travel Award
Newlyweds Award
Anniversary Award
Largest Family Represented
Senior Award (Male & Female)
Junior Award (Male & Female)
College Award

Entertainment

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'FIRST PLENNEY FAMILY REUNION'

FAMILY HISTORY

Willis P. Plenney and his wife came to Escatawpa, MS from Claiborne, Alabama around the year of 1866. They brought along a daughter (Sarah) about 2 years old. After arriving here by horse and wagon, Willis purchased 64 acres of land. Grand-Pa Willis was a Blacksmith and Grand-Ma Susan was a home-maker and a mid-wife. The added another daughter in 1867 and named her Minnie Corene, who was my Grand-mother. Six other children were welcomed to the Family. Eliza in 1870, Humphrey in 1873, Stephen in 1877, Hezekiah in 1879, George in 1882, and Hannah in 1885. I remember the house always being called 'Down Home'. I do not know why it was called this, but I guess because we lived across the 'Road' from it with the Church blocking our view of the 'Down Home' House. The house had bedrooms upstairs and a cellar underneath it.

Willis, Susan, four girls, and four boys farmed, raised live stock, ran a store and served the community most of the time on credit. Times were hard. Willis donated the land and Summerville A.M.E. Church was built across the 'Road' in front of the house. Willis also donated the land for the Plenney Cemetery. Willis gave the cemetery to the community so Black People could have someplace to bury their deceased. This cemetery was for Jackson County and not just for Escatawpa.

Grandma Susan delivered most of the babies in Escatawpa from 1867 thru 1935, both Black and White. She taught her oldest daughter Sarah 'mid-wifing' and she carried it on until she passed.

'FIRST PLENNEY FAMILY REUNION'

Willis P. Plenney died in 1898. According to the 1900 census, the people living 'Down Home' were Susan (age 65), Stephen (age 23), Hezakiah (age 20), George (age 17), Minnie (Age 33), John Thomas, my grandfather (age 32), Hannah (age 14), and Edna, my mother (age 7).

Sarah married in 1889, Minnie in 1892 and Eliza in 1899.

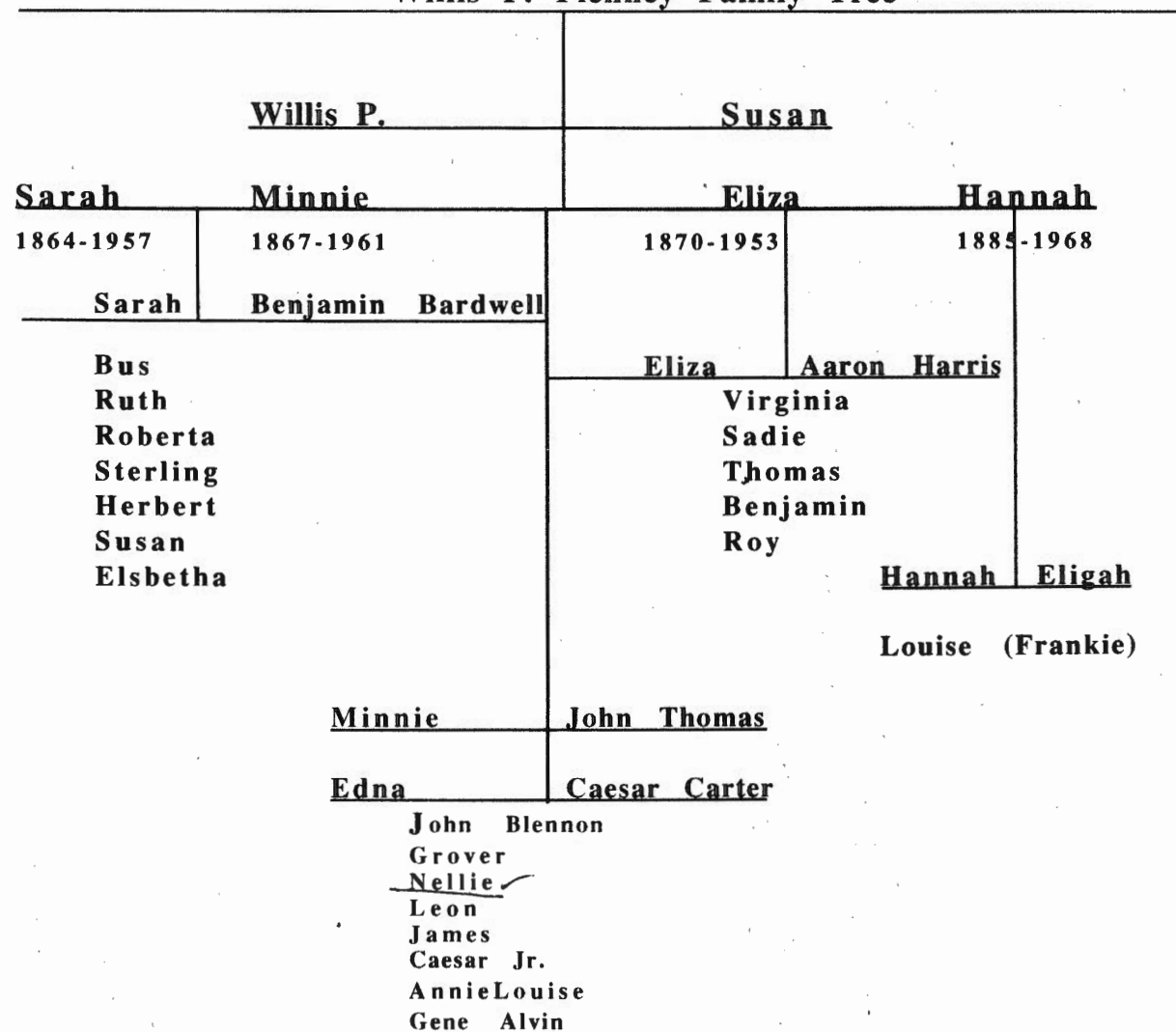
Minnie, Hannah and George lived 'Down Home' until Hannah passed in 1968.

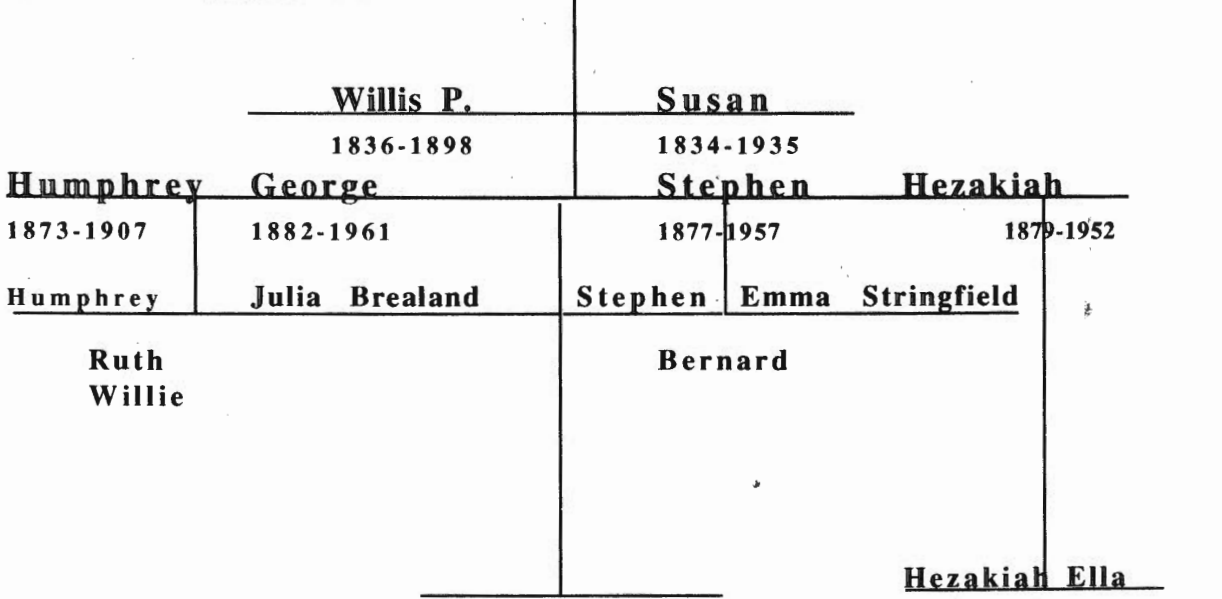
This is our History as I know it. On the following pages, I hope each family member will add their branch to "THE WILLIS P. PLENNEY FAMILY TREE'.

*Gene A. Carter 'Buster'
Great Grand Son of Willis P. Plenney*

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Willis P. Plenney Family Tree





Plenny,

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

of the late

**MRS. RUTH CLEOPATRA
PLENNEY BROWN**



**“GOD HAS SMILED ON ME.
HE HAS SET ME FREE”**

3 O’Clock P.M.
Tuesday, September 18, 1979

MERCY SEAT BAPTIST CHURCH
Gulfport, Mississippi

Interment: Monroe Memorial Park
Hall’s Mortuary In Charge

Reverend Rogers O. Tyler, Pastor

Expressions of Love

To Mama

*A Mother's the friend,
Who is there every day,
She's the one who will linger,
When skies turn to gray.*

*A Mother's the friend,
Who will teach you to smile,
She will dry every teardrop,
And make life worthwhile.*

*A Mother's the friend,
Who will bring you the song,
She'll be walking beside you,
When each mile seems long.*

*A Mother's the friend,
Who will always be true,
For her heart's filled with love,
And she keeps it for you.*

*Love,
Your Children*



To Mama

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also,
and he praiseth her. Proverbs 31:28.*

Your daughter, Elbe

~Obituary

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (Revised Standard Version)

Mrs. Ruth Plenney Brown was called to rest on Thursday, September 13, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. at Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Brown was born April 9, 1900 in Bond, Mississippi to the late Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Plenney. At an early age she moved to Escatawpa, Mississippi where she was reared by the Willis Plenney Family, a prominent, pioneer family of the area. There she became a member of Summerville Methodist Church.

She was united in marriage to the late Alfred Richard Brown, Sr. and was a loving, faithful and devoted wife. To this union was born nine children, two of which preceeded her in death. The family moved to Gulfport in 1927. She united with the Mercy Seat Baptist Church where she gave dedicated service until death. She was the oldest member of the Deaconess Board and was active in her Missionary Circle in the Church.

She was an active member of Soria City Court 108 of the Heroines of Jericho, where she held the distinction of being the oldest member.

She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted and loving children, Mrs. Hannah Rankin, Mrs. Elbe Darden, Mrs. Alfreda Mathew, Mrs. Willie M. Cenales, Alfred Brown, Jr. and Miss Dianne Brown of Gulfport, Mississippi; Mrs. Ruth C. Campbell, Wildwood, New Jersey; and Steve Brown, Falls Church, Virginia; one great-great grandchild; her adopted grandchildren, the William Darden family; and many other adopted grandchildren; seven nieces, six nephews, two sisters-in-law, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law; and a host of cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude *"May The Word I've Done"*

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New Testament Reverend E. L. Howard

Prayer Reverend C. E. Appleberry

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Deaconess Mrs. Mattie Hawthorne

Mission Society Mrs. Lillie Barnes

Neighbor Reverend E. L. Fox

Heroines of Jericho Court 108 Mrs. Myrna Batson

Pastoral Comforting Reverend F. McElhaney

Hymn *"I'll Go"* (Favorite Song)

Acknowledgments Mrs. Geraldine Jones

Obituary Read in Silence

Solo *"I Trust In God"*Reverend Rogers O. Tyler

Eulogy Reverend R. O. Tyler

Recessional *"Abide With Me"*Page 35

*Heaven is blessed with perfect rest,
but the blessing of earth is toil.
True happiness depends upon
Close alliance with God.*

Expressions of Love

To Mama

*For the joy you brought to my life
With your gift for genuine love, compassion and wisdom,
From childhood to manhood
Through good times and bad
I love you, Mama Dear.*

*I am thankful for having had
As a part of my life
Such precious, cherished moments
Such love, joy, and happiness
That you touched my life with.*

*For all these things, Mama
I'll always remember
And love you for,
And miss you some greatly
All my life, Mama Dear.
Your Baby, Steve*



To Grandmama

*For always an ear to listen,
For an always understanding, kind word to give
For your gift of wisdom and knowledge
Grandmama, we will miss you dearly.
From your Grandchildren*

Pall Bearers

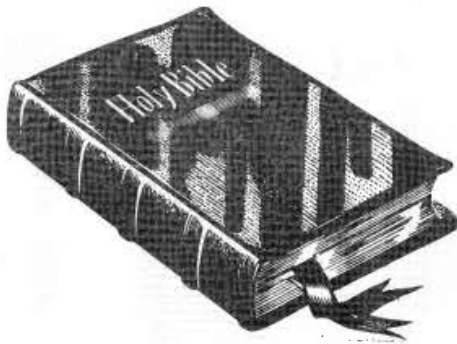
Grandsons and Nephews

Honorary Pall Bearers

Deacons of Mercy Seat Baptist Church

Flower Bearers

Deaconesses and Heroines of Jericho Court 108



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We wish to thank all of you who have been so kind to us in the loss of our dear mother. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful friends and neighbors.

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